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- The Yugoslav Cavalry, which is under the direct jurisdiction of the Federal Ministry of National Defense, is subordinate to the Yugoslav Army General Staff insofar as technical matters are concerned, and in regard to its organization, mobilization and training of cavalry men. The Army General Staff Command, in conjunction with the command of other army units, such as the infantry, the artillery and the tank corps, has its headquarters in an old building in Bagnica. The members of the Cavalry Command have been identified as follows:
 - Commander: Colonel Milorad Petrovic; and
 - Deputy Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Milos Obradovic.

The former Cavalry $^{\rm C}$ Commander was Colonel Milan Pavlovic, presently in command of the 1 Tank Division at Sisak. $^{\rm 2}$

- The Yugoslav Cavalry Command is composed of the following divisions, each of which is under the direction of a major or a lieutenant colonel:
 - Political;
 - Operations;
 - Tactical;
 - Training;
 - Plans;
 - f. Recruiting;
 - Administration; and
 - Physical Culture Education.

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- 2. A squadron of cavalry riflemen is attached to each Army Corps, while a cavalry platoon is assigned to each infantry division for patrol work. A cavalry group, comprising two squadrons of cavalry riflemen and one squadron of cavalry machine gunners, is a component of the Guards Division. This group is billeted in the barracks of the former cavalry school in Zemun.
- 3. Each cavalry brigade is subdivided into the following units:
 - a. Two cavalry companies:
 - b. One cavalry artillery company;
 - c. One communications company;
 - d. One pioneer platoon; and
 - e. One chemical warfare platoon.
- 4. Each of the stated cavalry companies, the staff of which comprises a commander, a political commissar, a quartermaster, a noncommissioned officer clerk and an orderly, is broken down into the following units:
 - a. Two squadrons of cavalry riflemen;
 - b. One squadron of cavalry machine gunners;
 - c. One antitank platoon; and
 - d. One mortar platoon.
- 5. Each of the stated squadrons of cavalry riflemen, is subdivided into three platoons, each of which is under the command of a commissioned officer below the rank of captain. Each platoon, in turn, is broken down into two distinct units composed of nine soldiers under the command of a noncommissioned officer. Each platoon has at its disposal 21 horses. Each cavalry rifleman carries a Cossack-type cavalry saber. In addition to these sabers, the cavalry rifle squadrons are armed as follows:
 - a. Sector commander: machine gun;
 - b. Orderly: machine gun;
 - c. Rifleman: musket;
 - d. Machine gunner: light machine gun;
 - e. Machine-gun ammunition carrier: musket;
 - f. Grenadier: grenade launcher (blunderbuss);
 - g. Rifle-grenade carrier: musket; and
 - h. Ammunition carrier: musket.

The machine guns are of Russian origin; the muskets are of Yugoslav manufacture; the light machine guns are German, Czech and British, while the grenade launchers (blunderbusses) are of Russian origin.

6. Each cavalry machine gun squadron, which comprises three platoons, is under the direction of a commander and a political commissar. Each of the three platoons is subdivided into three sections, each of which is equipped with

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a German Sarac heavy machine gun, the supporting part of which has been modernized in order to give the weapon greater steadiness.

- 7. Each cavalry antitank platoon, to which are attached 20 men, is commanded by a commissioned officer below the rank of captain. Each of these platoons comprises two sections, each of which is under the command of a non-commissioned officer. Each section is equipped with four antitank guns of Russian origin.
- 8. Each mortar platoon, to which are attached 1½ men, is under the command of a commissioned officer subordinate to a captain. Each of these platoons comprises two sections. Each section is under the command of a noncommissioned officer and is equipped with an unspecified number of 81-millimeter mortars.
- 9. Each cavalry artillery company is under the direction of a commander, a political commissar, a quartermaster, a noncommissioned officer clerk and an orderly. Each artillery company has at its disposal three batteries, which have been described as follows:
 - a. One antitank battery with 4 x 45-millimeter caliber guns;
 - b. One mortar battery with 4 x 122-millimeter caliber mortars of Czech origin; and
 - c. One battery of 4 x 75-millimeter caliber guns of German and French origin.

Each battery is commanded by two squads of men. In addition to the usual two squads of men, a pioneer platoon is also attached to the 75-millimeter gun battery.

- 10. Each communications company comprises three platoons:
 - a. One platoon of radio-telegraphers;
 - b. One platoon of telephone operators; and
 - c. One platoon of signalmen.
- 11. Each of the pioneer platoens is composed of labor troops which dig trenches and construct fortifications.
- 12. Each chemical-warfare platoon is equipped with outmoded Soviet gas masks. These masks are large and cover the head and face down to the neck.
- 13. Stables for horses are located in former cavalry barracks at Virovitka and Zrenjanin.

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